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## **MAYOR STEWART ENACTS NEW MEASURE AT CITY HALL TO COMBAT CORONAVIRUS**

**NEW BRITAIN**— Mayor Erin Stewart announced a new proactive measure on Monday aimed at combating the possible spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in City Hall; effective Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, New Britain City Hall will be closed to the public for two weeks. This proactive measure is designed to protect the safety of the public and City Hall employees during the anticipated “surge” period of coronavirus cases in Connecticut. City Hall is scheduled to re-open to the public on Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020, however it will be subject to the recommendation of the Director of Public Health.

Previous coronavirus safety measures instituted by the Mayor include: the closure of New Britain Public Schools, the suspension of several programs at the Senior Center, the institution of a city-wide curfew for unsupervised youth, the postponement of City events, the closure of “close contact” recreational facilities, and the implementation of necessary technologies to facilitate “remote” participation for Common Council and City Commission meetings.

The Mayor has also taken several proactive safety measures directly within City Hall to better serve the public and staff. When City Hall re-opens on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020, all individuals seeking service will be directed to Room 108. The recent instillation of micro phoned glass barrier service windows at all first floor offices will provide added safety for all employees serving the public.

“We are doing everything we can to protect the public and our staff during these unprecedented times,” said Mayor Stewart. “The City has and will continue to remain open for business—we are essential—but I know that we need to take our precautions one step further to prepare for the peak of this epidemic in our state. For the safety of everyone, I am making the decision to temporarily close City Hall to the public for two weeks— with the goal of re-opening as soon as we deem it safe to do so.”

Mayor Stewart continued, “While we might be temporarily closed to foot traffic, I want the residents of the City of New Britain to know that we will continue to work for you. Please continue to reach out to City Hall staff via phone, email, or social media. We’ve got you covered.”

**If you need assistance from City Hall staff or have questions regarding any City of New Britain operations/ issues, please call 860.826.3300 or visit [www.newbritainct.gov](http://www.newbritainct.gov)**

**If you’re feeling sick or have questions regarding COVID-19, please call the Hartford HealthCare Hotline: 860.972.8100 or text “COVID19” to 31996.**

**For additional questions, please see attached FAQ Sheet.**

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